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SUBJECT: ENLARGING COMMITTEE OF TWENTY - COMMITTEE ON THE
EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION (PARA 5) WAS CIRCULATED DECEMBER 21. ACCORDING
TO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE PLANS TO ANNOUNCE
DURING PLENARY DECEMBER 21 THAT ALTHOUGH AGENDA ITEM 27 - QUESTION OF
PALESTINE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED ALREADY, THE GA IS NOW SEIZED WITH A
NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS
HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE ASSEMBLY VOTE ON RESOLUTION DECEMBER 22.

2. ISRAELI MISSION INFORMS US THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY MAKE A STATE-
MENT BEFORE THE VOTE REITERATING THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE CREATION
OF COMMITTEE OF TWENTY AND NOW TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.
ISRAELI MISSION DOES NOT HAVE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS BUT ANTICIPATES
IT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO EITHER VOTE AGAINST OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE.
FRENCH MISSION NOTED FRANCE WILL ABSTAIN CONSISTENT WITH ITS
POSITION ON RESES 3376 AND 31/20. UK IS RECOMMENDING ABSTENTION
ALSO AND COMMENT ON GOOD POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING AN EC-9 COMMON
POSITION OF ABSTENTION. IN LATER DEVELOPMENT AMB. HERZOG CALLED
AMB. BENNETT TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER PROCEDURAL ABERRATION
IN REOPENING AN AGENDA TIEM. HERZOG SAID ISRAEL WOULD
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VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AND URGED THAT WE DO LIKEWISE.

3. MEANWHILE, YUGOSLAV DEL PROPOSED TO US LATE MORNING DECEMBER 21
THAT THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD BE WITHDRAWN AND
INSTEAD GA PRES. COULD ANNOUNCE THAT THERE WAS PROPOSAL
TO ENLARGE COMMITTEE OF 20 AND GA WAS CONCLUDING ITS

WORK SHORTLY THUS, IF THERE WAS NO OBJECTION, PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED. YUGOSLAV DEL SAID THIS ALTERNATIVE COULD AVOID POSSIBLE AWKWARD VOTING SITUATION FOR US AND EUROPEANS. WE WERE IN CONTACT WITH UK AND ISRAELI MISSIONS; UK SUPPORTED OUR VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE TO CONCEDE SUCH AUTHORITY TO GA PRESIDENT; ISRAELIS POINTED OUT THEIR MORE GENERAL OBJECTION TO REOPENING ITEMS WHICH CARRIED RISK THAT ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTIONS COULD BE INTRODUCED AT THE END OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESTRICTED, PERNICIOUS MANNER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN RECOMMENDS US ABSTAIN ON DRAFT RESOLUTION. GROUNDS FOR ABSTENTION ARE THAT ALTHOUGH COMMITTEE WAS CREATED AGAINST OUR WISHES, NUMBER OF MEMBERS IS MATTER TO WHICH US ATTACHES NO IMPORTANCE. ABSTENTION WOULD CARRY BENEFIT OF MANIFESTING SOLIDARITY WITH EC-9 AND OTHERS, WHO AT THIS STAGE ARE TENDING TOWARD ABSTAINING.

5. QUOTE

QUESTION OF PALESTINE

YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3376(XXX) OF 10 NOVEMBER 1975 AND 31/20 OF 24 NOVEMBER 1976,

1. DECIDES TO INCREASE TO 23 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF RESOLUTION 3376(XXX);

2. DECIDES TO ADD GUYANA, MALI AND NIGERIA TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE
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